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## FIVE ALIENS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY

Tampa, Florida - This week five illegal aliens were sentenced by U.S. District Judges in Tampa to sentences ranging from five years probation to ten years' imprisonment for illegally returning to the United States after being deported. All five will again be deported following their prison sentences as their existing deportation orders have been re-instated. The alien sentenced to five years' probation will be deported immediately.

On January 22, 2008, Andres Servin-Juarez, age 22 and a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced to forty-one months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich. The sentence also included thirty-six months of supervised release and a Special Assessment of \$100. Servin-Juarez had entered a plea of guilty on October 9, 2007, to the offense of being an alien found in the United States without permission after his January 29, 2004 deportation. He had been convicted prior to his deportation of an aggravated felony, lewd or lascivious molestation.

On January 23, 2008, Juan Carlos Gutierrez, age 28 and a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Susan C. Bucklew. The sentence also included thirty-six months of supervised release and a Special Assessment of \$100. Gutierrez had entered a plea of guilty on October 18, 2007, to the offense of

being an alien with a prior felony conviction found in the United States without permission after his October 11, 2006 deportation. He had been convicted prior to his deportation of driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

On January 24, 2008, Pedro Pena-Mejay, age 19 and a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced to five years probation by U.S. District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich. The sentence also included a Special Assessment of \$100. Pena-Mejay had entered a plea of guilty on October 23, 2007, to the offense of being an alien found in the United States without permission after his October 11, 2006 deportation. He had no prior felony convictions.

On January 24, 2008, Ibrahan Posadas-Aguilera, also known as Ibrahn Pasadas-Aguilera and Ivran Posada, age 39 and a citizen of Honduras, was sentenced to one hundred twenty (120) months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge James D. Whittemore. The sentence also included thirty-six months of supervised release, a \$5,000.00 fine, and a Special Assessment of \$100. Posadas-Aguilera had been found guilty by a Federal Jury on October 12, 2007, of the offense of being an alien with a prior conviction of an aggravated felony found in the United States without permission after his June 19, 1991 deportation. He had been convicted prior to his deportation of burglary of a building with intent to commit theft, 3rd degree. At his sentencing, the Court received documentation that the defendant had been convicted of battery, petty theft, battery of a law enforcement officer, and aggravated battery (great bodily harm or deadly weapon) subsequent to his deportation.

On January 25, 2008, Samuel Puga-Flores, age 37 and a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced to twenty-seven months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge James S. Moody,

Jr. The sentence also included thirty-six months of supervised release and a Special Assessment of \$100. Puga-Flores had entered a plea of guilty on October 17, 2007, to the offense of being an alien with a prior felony conviction found in the United States without permission after his October 30, 2003 deportation. He had been convicted prior to his deportation of possession of cocaine and illegal reentry by a deported alien. He had also been deported on March 11, 1999 and January 19, 2001.

These five cases were investigated by agents and officers of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The cases were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald L. Hansen.